Harry VVhite his humour,

So neare as may be
ſet forth by M.P.

In which is expreſt,
Both earneſt and jeſt:
Let honeſt men buy,
And knaves let it lye;
This is not for them,
VVho vertue contemne

Not every man in's humour's promis'd here,
Yet in one's humour many more appeare.

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To that great Promulgater,
And neat divulgater,
VVhom the citie admires,
And the Suburbs desires,
M.P. wisheth happy
Successe, and Ale nappy,
That with the ones paine,
He the other may gaine.

Honest Harry,

Faine I would say something, yet I know not (nor indeed care not much) what to say to thee; I know thou art one armed for all sayings. For to

ſpeake truly, praiſe of thee would bee counted but phantaſmie; and admiration meere adulation: how canſt thou want worth, who haſt ſuch an ample faculty in emblazoning, and (indeed ſometimes) adding to the worth of other men? It likes my humour well to deſcribe thine ſo well as I could: the beſt on it is, thy humour is my priviledge; therefore if what is here written ſleightly, be ill read, and worſe underſtood, I can excuſe my ſelfe, (as many men doe their owne faults by other mens) ſaying, it is Harry Whites humour. Surely I thinke I have fitted thy humour in generall, if not I pray thee let thy particular humour pardon eſcapes. I have aſſaid to humour thee, invited by this benefit, that by humouring thee I ſhall humour a thouſand: now if any be in the humour to be vext at thy humour: tell them thy humour is armed againſt the aſſault

of

of any humour: thus wishing that thy humour may bee satisfied with tenne thousand two peny customers, I commit thee to thy humour, and thy humour to thy custodie, desiring ever to rest, but never to be arrested.

Thine at a pot and

a pipe, M.P.

of any hue soever: thus wishing that thy
[illegible] may be filled with store
of [illegible] and two pots of [illegible]
mic, thee to thy business, and thy ho-
nour to thy calling, & living ever to
[illegible], but never to be wearied.

Harry VVhites humour.

VEry good Sir, but why Harry Whites humour? pray what humour hath Harry White, that another man is not guilty of? why sir to satisfie your inquisitive humour, Ile tell you what Harry Whites humour is: but before hand I pray be not angry, yet if you be, Harry White cares not; that is part of his humour, he had rather see a whore want painting for her face than an honest woman want bread for her children.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item he had rather that theeves and cutpurses (and consequently the hangman) should want employment than honest tradesmen should lack work or money.

This is Harry Whites humour.

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Harry VVhites humour.

Item He would haue fewer bawdy houses, and more almeshouses: also he wisheth that rich people were more charitable: or that the poore had lesse neede.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item He can (when he is hungry) very thankfully eate a red herring: but yet he prefers a Hen or a Capon before it, and holds eyther of them to be better meat.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item He loues (and honors) all good qualities in men, yet he esteemes honesty as the Walter-paste.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item He delights much to heare a good ring of Bells, yet he could wish rather to shew you a gold (or Diamond) Ring of his owne, though vpon another mans finger.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item He can (in case of necessity) drinke vpon free cost, yet he is better pleased when he hath mony to pay for his liquor.

This is Harry Whites humour.

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Harry VVhites humour.

Item He loues to ride when he is weary yet (at certaine times) he holds it ominous to ride [illegible] Holborne.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item He is offended at nothing so as at swearing, curſing, or blaſphemy, eſpecially when an old bawd ſweares ſhe is an honeſt Woman.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item Hée takes more pleaſure to ſée a Knight of the Poſt, play at boe pépe vpon a ſcaffold, than to behold a Carriers horſe to fall vnder his load.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item He prefers a Cookes ſhop before a fencing ſchoole: and what is the reaſon think you? why, becauſe he had rather breake his face than his head.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item He cares not much for a dancing ſchoole, becauſe if néed be (rather than faſt) he can eat Mutton without Capers.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

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Item He thinkes Millers and Wizers are more correspondent in trade than in name: and why so? because as the one grindes corne, the other grindes the poore.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item He troubles not his head much with learning Arithmeticke, for (when he is at the best) he can calculate his money without eyther pen or Counters.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item Of all men living he regards Lawyers. A reason for that perhaps? why Ile tell you sir, their attractiue policy drawes him an Iron audience out of the Country: for he thinkes it is never so well with London as when the hobnayles strike fire out of the stones.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item It goes to his very heart to heare the man that cryes buy a brush, for it puts him in minde of his holy-day cloake that lies in Long-Lane to be brusht: for though his knauery be but little, yet a stronger cloak would doe well to cover it, least one that hath much

should

should steale away his little: for now adayes no knauery no liuing.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item He is loath to marry a widow because he will not taste of that which another man dyed after.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item He is confidently conceited that if all men would abstain from immoderate drinking, quarrelling, wenching, and gameing: Phisitians, Surgeons, and catchpoles, should haue farre lesse employment than they haue.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item He is also verily perswaded that if Women could but gouerne one little pece of flesh (the tongue I meane) so many of them would not goe with party coulerd faces.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item He will not be troubled with paying Ale-house scores: no, no, he hath a fine trick to preuent that: as how sir I pretty: why by calling in no more than he is able to pay for.

This is HarryVVhites humour.

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Item He scornes to be counted a shifting companion, for where he meetes with good liquor and good company, he seldome departs willingly, vntill Peter poverty puts him out at the doore.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item He hates of all (humane) things to be ouerseene in bread: for he had rather the Brewer should thriue than the Baker.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item He holds it necessary and conuenient, by order of equity (and indeed warranted by his owne exemplary practice) that he who is drunke ouer-night, shall (in satisfaction to the Bachinalian statute) pay a groat on the next morning.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item Hauing lately read the rare history of patient Grizell, out of it he hath drawne this Philosophicall position, that if all women were of that Womans condition, we should haue no imployment for cuckinstooles.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item

Item He is of this opinion, that if the hiſtories of Garragantua and Tom Thumbe be true: by conſequence Bevis of Hampton, and Scoggins Jeſts muſt néedes bée Authenticall.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item He is an excellent Orator, and I think he carryes ſome glew vpon his tongue that ſoynes the eares of his auditors ſo faſt vnto him, that they cannot depart til they are pleaſed or vext: for you ſhall ſée the people flock about him, like Bées to a hony pot: hee tells them his minde, and is in a manner indifferent whether they be angry or pleaſed.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item He hath more minde to goe to Billingſgate to eate Oyſters, (though he purchaſe friendſhip with a bore on the eare) than to interpoſe himſelfe in an idle quarrel, when he may gaine a broken pate for his good will.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item He profeſſeth himſelfe an open enemie to double dealing, and yet in cold weather (prouided it be at your owne charges) you may

may eaſily perſwade him to weare five ſhirts.

This is Harry VVhites humour.

Item He never will be ſparing in other mens prayſes, for he extolles a good worke (done by any man) to the higheſt: and this is not onely done in corners, for he tells it openly in the ſtreetes.

This is Harry, &c.

Item He is too much addicted (and that is both a mad humour, and a bad humour) to any Sycophants that will flatter his fancy: and by their tongues (being guilded with deceit) drawe Siluer out of his pockets in aſpeeces.

This is Harry VVhites humour, by no wiſe man to be followed.

Item He hath an admirable faculty in judging the mindes of others, for if he ſees a maide of her owne accord to kiſſe a young man he dares almoſt be ſworne ſhe loues him.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item

Item He holds it an odious object to see a man drunk: but a Woman to goe reeling in the streetes, cut vpon her beast.

This is Harry, &c.

Item Besides this, hee thinks it may bee probably conjectured (without any prejudice to art or nature) that a Woman who will be commonly drunk, doth now and then (when her senses are intoxicated) mistake another man for her husband.

This is Harry, &c.

Item He loues good company with all his heart, and had rather spend a shilling on a good fellow, than a penny on a whore.

This is Harry, &c.

Item He cannot abide to whisper out his minde, as though he were either affraid, or ashamed of his profession: no, no, you shall heare him, if you be neare him: he will not lack mony, if speaking for it can procure it.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item He is seldome or neuer affraid of a reckning: for pouerty preuents borrowing, and

if nothing be borrowed, there is nothing to pay: then a figge for the catchpole.

This is Harry, &c.

Item He loues no kinde of gaming, his reason is this, that although the game of it selfe may be lawfull enough (being lawfully vsed for honest recreation) yet there are so many absurdities and inconueniencies derined from the same, (as swearing, cursing, quarrelling, betweene nearest friends: and many other euils) that he will not play with any man, no not for shoe-buckles.

This is Harry, &c.

Item He holds it vnnecessary that a horse-courser and a broker should dwell neere together: why so sir? why sir, because the prouerb sayes, that a crafty knaue needes no broker.

This is Harry, &c.

Item He had rather see a pick-pocket carryed to Newgate (looke to your purses Gentlemen) than a poore man to the Compter for debt.

This is Harry Whites humour.

Item

Item He eſteemes it a point of no good husbandry for any man to loyter and bee drinking all the working dayes, and to follow his labour on Sundayes, or holy-dayes: neither doth he commend the cuſtome of thoſe Journeymen, or labourers, who having receiued their wages on the Saturday night, doe ſpend all (or the moſt part of it) on Sunday: and the next weeke following are forced to make more faſting-daies than the Church commands.

This is Harry &c.

Item He deemes that a prepoſterous gouernment where the wife predominates, and the husband ſubmits to her diſcretion; that is juſt Hyſteron & Proteron, the Cart before the horſe.

A womans counſell's oftimes fit,
For many of them have ſudden wit:
But where the wife beares greateſt ſway,
That houſe can be at no good ſtay.
This is Harry, &c.

Item On the contrary he counts it a baſe inhumane part, for any man to beat his Wife: nay and beſides, it is an abſurd folly, for if ſhe be good, ill vſage may peruert her: if

she be bad, blowes will not mend her: for being a weake vessell she will rather breake with beating: what a simplicity is it for a man (in his fury) to give his Wife a blacke eye: and then to cogge and flatter, looke babyes in her eyes, call her his piggesnye, and cry Peccavi (for his fault) a fortnight, or three weekes after.

This is not Harry VVhites humour.

Lastly, Harry VVhite is glad at the heart to see the young men laughing, the maides smiling, some drawing their purses, others groping in their pockets, some pretty lasses feeling in their bosomes for odde parcells of mony wrapt in clouts: for these are evident presages of his good fortune: ah what delicious musick it is to his eares, when he heares his audience cry, joyntly, give me one, give mee two: change my mony sayes one, here is a single twopence sayes another.

This fits Harry VVhites humour.

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NOw worthy friends if what is here expreſt
of *Harry White* his humour, yours have
The author and the Subject wil conteſt (pleaſ
about their ſhares of Joy; yet ſoone appeaſd,
Shall joyntly joyne in their congratulation,
VVhile in your loves both hath participation.

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IN his one humour many are compriz'd
then take your choice, as every man ſhal fi
In his owne heart: what here's epitomis'd,
you may exemplifie in your owne mind.
Let fame, (times harold) daign to blaze this rum
When *Harry whites* not here, yet heres his hum

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An applauſe by L.P. Of the Author M.P.

THe Author of this little booke,
which he in love hath pend,
Is 'cauſe ſome may behold their faults,
and practice to amend.
He flatters not as many doe,
to win himſelfe a praiſe,
But boldly paints abuſes forth
that's uſed now adaies
'Mongſt men of ſound diſcretion, ſure
theſe lines will breed no jarre,
But it may make gauld jades to kick,
becauſe they ſpurred are.
The Author in a recompence,
to them that angry be,
Bequeaths a gift that's cald
old Gillians legacie.

FINIS.